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1. FURTHER TO REF (B) EXTAFF DEFENCE RELATIONS DIRECTOR MARSHALL SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED TO POL COUNSELOR THAT GOC THINKING IS TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS IN BRUSSELS "UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NATO PERMREPS." GOC WAS STILL DEBATING WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE SEPARATE BILATERALS WITH US AND FRG OR WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE TRILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. (ROBINSON WAS QUITE DEFINITE, AS WAS CADIEUX, ABOUT BILATERAL NATURE OF DISCUSSIONS; HOWEVER, MARSHALL OBSERVED THAT ROBINSON AND CADIEUX SOMEWHAT REMOVED FROM WORKING LEVEL DISCUSSIONS OF SUBJECT.) THESE GOC CONSULTATION PLANS HAD BEEN TRIGGERED BY "BUTTONHOLING" OF TRUDEAU BY FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AT SUMMIT FROM WHICH RESULTED AGREEMENT TO CONSULT AND AGREEMENT ON BRUSSELS AS VENUE. ON TIMING, MARSHALL INDICATED THAT ALL INTERESTED GOC ELEMENTS HAD YET TO BE "BROUGHT ON BOARD" AND HE ANTICIPATED THAT PROPOSAL TO US AND FRG ON CONSULTATION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS WITH SCHEDULING OF TALKS THEREAFTER TO BE MUTUALLY DECIDED.

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2. MARSHALL INDICATED THAT BRUSSELS CON-
SULTATIONS ENVISAGED TALKS ONLY ON NATO ASPECT OF
CANADAIN DEFENSE REVIEW. THIS WOULD NOT PRECLUDE, HE
SAID, BILATERAL US-GOC CONSULTATIONS ON OTHER ASPECTS
OF DEFENSE REVIEW SUBSEQUENT TO BRUSSELS MEETINGS AND IN
OTHER VENUE.

3. COMMENT: WE CAN SEE SOME VALUE TO TRILATERAL DIS-
CUSSIONS PARTICULARLY IF IT CAN BE SO ARRANGED THAT
CANADIANS EMERGE IMPRESSED BY UNANIMITY OF US AND FRG
CLEAR PREFERENCE FOR MIXED LAND-AIR, ALL-AIR, OR ALL-LAND
OPTION FOR CANADIAN NATO CONTINGENT. TRILATERAL WOULD
ALSO ENHANCE EFFECTIVENESS OF US-FRG JOINT URGING FOR
GREATER CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION THAN IN PAST. IN THIS
CONNECTION, WE IMPRESSED BY FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE EX-
PRESSED BY TRUDEAU (PARA 40 REF C), ESPECIALLY HIS
PLEDGE ON BEHALF CANADA "TO MAINTAIN A NATO FORCE LEVEL
WHICH IS ACCEPTED BY OUR ALLIES AS BEING ADEQUATE IN
SIZE AND EFFECTIVE IN CHARACTER." WE SUSPECT THAT PART
OF EXPLANATION FOR THIS MAY WELL BE RECOGNITION ON
TRUDEAU'S PART THAT CANADAIN NATO PERFORMANCE MAY
HAVE DISTINCT BEARING ON ACCEPTABILITY OF "CONTRACTUAL
LINK" TO EC MINISTERS. THIS SUGGESTS THAT URGINGS
FROM US AND FRG FOR GREATER CANADAIN NATO CONTRIBUTION
MIGHT HAVE BETTER CHANCE OF SUCCESS NOW THAN IN RECENT
YEARS.

4. WE SEE SOME DIFFICULTIES IN HOLDING TRILATERAL
TALKS, EXCLUDING OTHER NATO MEMBERS, HELD AT NATO HEAD-
QUARTERS. ALSO, TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS MIGHT MAKE IT
SOMEWHAT MORE DIFFICULT FOR US TO ATTEMPT USE BRUSSELS
CONSULTATIONS TO PRESS FOR DETAILS OF NON-NATO ASPECTS
OF CANADIAN DEFENSE REVIEW. HOWEVER, IN ANY CASE GOC
IS CLEARLY UNDER MARCHING ORDERS FROM TRUDEAU TO CONSULT,
AND, RATHER THAN RISK BLUNTING THIS INITIATIVE BY MAKING
SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING FORMAT FOR CONSULTATIONS, WE FEEL
IT PREFERABLE TO LEAVE THAT TO CANADIANS. AT LEAST WE
WILL HAVE THEM AT THE CONSULTATION TABLE BEFORE DEFENSE
REVIEW DECISIONS TAKEN BY GOC CABINET.

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